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LOBBYISTS AND POLITICAL COMMITTEE FOUND IN VIOLATION OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE ACT

Olympia – Chair of the Public Disclosure Commission, Mike Connelly, levied civil penalties against three lobbyists and one political committee for violating provisions of the Open Government Act.

During brief enforcement hearings held in Olympia, Connelly cited the lobbyists for failure to timely file monthly expense reports as required by state law. The Lobbyist Monthly Expense Report (PDC form L-2) is required to be filed by the 15th of the month covering activity in the preceding calendar month.

“The reporting requirements are mandated to let the public know what lobbyists are doing to influence legislative action in any given month”, Connelly said. “Failure to file is not acceptable.”

The following civil penalties were assessed.

- **Genesse Adkins**, representing 1000 Friends of Washington, was assessed a civil penalty of \$200.
- **Gordon Baxter**, representing the Puget Sound District Council; Inland Boatmen’s Union; the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and the Master Mates and Pilots Union, was assessed a civil penalty of \$300.
- **Jerald Klein**, representing Washington Cedar and Supply Company, Inc., was assessed a civil penalty of \$200.

In a separate hearing, **METRO PAC** of Spokane was found in violation for failure to electronically file contributions and expenditure reports for 2003 and was assessed a civil penalty of \$250 with \$100 suspended if the political committee files electronic reports by May 12, 2003.

Charges of failure to file lobbyists monthly expense reports against **Jason Bishop**, representing Public Affairs of Washington and Terry Kohl, were dismissed for lack of reportable activity. Charges against **MACPAC**, the McDonald's corporate political committee, for failure to electronically file were dismissed with no violation. The chair accepted the manually filed reports by **MACPAC** as sufficient.

Lobbyist and political committees found in violation at the hearings will have an opportunity to ask the full, five-member Commission to review the action taken by the Chair.

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